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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have internet service from Sonic.net. They are the only carrier that was willing to bring service to our rural neighborhood. They are bringing the service in on our AT&T phone lines.

I had requested AT&T bring service for the 6 years previous to Sonic doing it. We met their requirements of being within a mile of one of their stations. However they would not consider it.

I had requested Comcast bring us internet, as they have the contract for our county. Plus they provide it to a neighborhood just across a creek from us, to a house on the top of the hill where we are on the side of it. However, they would not unless we paid over \$10,000. to bring a line here.

Sonic is my hero. They came to provide fast, reliable internet to a small neighborhood that no one else cared about. If I had to count on the two providers that have the monopoly in the county, I would still be using dial-up!!

Broadband is critical to our home so my husband can run his business in New York from our home in California some of the time instead of his traveling there. Plus we have a vacation rental in Mexico that I need the internet to be in contact with potential renters.

I also switched my landline from AT&T to Sonic for less than half the price. There is no cell service at my house - so a landline is imperative. Of course, with the high speed internet I can use my cell with WIFI calling. Without Sonic I could not use my cell and I would be paying double for me landline.

Local providers are necessary.

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